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Quotes about Advice

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It is easy when we are in prosperity to give advice to the afflicted.

- Aeschylus

Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.

- Aesop

Be smart, be intelligent and be informed.

- Alesandra, Tony

We give advice by the bucket, but take it by the grain.

- Alger, William R.

Never play cards with a man called Doc. Never eat at a place called Mom s. Never sleep with a woman whose troubles are worse than your own.

- Algren, Nelson

To listen to some devout people, one would imagine that God never laughs.

- Aurobindo, Ghose

There is as much difference between the counsel that a friend giveth, and that a man giveth himself, as there is between the counsel of a friend and of a flatterer. For there is no such flatterer as is a man's self.

- Bacon, Francis

He that gives good advice, builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example, builds with both; but he that gives good admonition and bad example, builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.

- Bacon, Francis

The worst men often give the best advice.

- Bailey, Philip James

Most of us ask for advice when we know the answer but we want a different one.

- Ball, Ivern

Counsel woven into the fabric of real life is wisdom.

- Benjamin, Walter

Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

[Proverbs 11:14]

- Bible

A fool think he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others. [Proverbs 12:15]

- Bible

Consult. To seek another's approval of a course already decided on.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Advice is like castor oil, easy to give, but dreadful to take.

- Billings, Josh

Most people when they come to you for advice, come to have their own opinions strengthened, not corrected.

- Billings, Josh

The best advisers, helpers and friends, always are not those who tell us how to act in special cases, but who give us, out of themselves, the ardent spirit and desire to act right, and leave us then, even through many blunders, to find out what our own form of right action is.

- Brooks, Phillips

Talk that does not end in any kind of action is better suppressed altogether.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Let no man under value the price of a virtuous woman's counsel.

- Chapman, George

Advice is seldom welcome; and those who want it the most always like it the least.

- Chesterfield, Lord

In matters of religion and matrimony I never give any advice; because I will not have anybody's torments in this world or the next laid to my charge.

- Chesterfield, Lord

I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice, and then going away and doing the exact opposite.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

In those days he was wiser than he is now -- he used frequently to take my advice.

- Churchill, Winston

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it.

- Collins, John Churton

Never claim as a right what you can ask as a favor.

- Collins, John Churton

We ask advice but we mean approbation.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

A word to the wise isn't necessary, it is the stupid ones who need all the advice.

- Cosby, Bill

There is hardly a man on earth who will take advice unless he is certain that it is positively bad.

- Dahlberg, Edward

I am glad that I paid so little attention to good advice; had I abided by it I might have been saved from some of my most valuable mistakes.

- Fowler, Gene

Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it.

- Franklin, Benjamin

They that will not be counseled, cannot be helped. If you do not hear reason she will rap you on the knuckles.

- Franklin, Benjamin

When in doubt, don't.

- Gellerman, Saul W.

When we turn to one another for counsel we reduce the number of our enemies.

- Gibran, Kahlil

When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice.

- Grange, Marquis de la

To offer a man unsolicited advice is to presume that he doesn't know what to do or that he can't do it on his own.

- Gray, John

Generally speaking, when a woman offers unsolicited advice or tries to help a man, she has no idea of how critical and unloving she may sound to him.

- Gray, John

Always be nice to bankers. Always be nice to pension fund managers. Always be nice to the media. In that order.

- Hanson, Lord

The rich are always advising the poor, but the poor seldom return the compliment.

- Helps, Sir Arthur

We all admire the wisdom of people who come to us for advice.

- Herbert, Jack

The advice of the elders to young men is very apt to be as unreal as a list of the hundred best books.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Whatever advice you give, be short.

- Horace

A good scare is worth more than good advice.

- Horace

Great effort is required to arrest decay and restore vigor. One must exercise proper deliberation, plan carefully before making a move, and be alert in guarding against relapse following a renaissance.

- I Ching

No man is so foolish but he may sometimes give another good counsel, and no man so wise that he may not easily err if he takes no other counsel than his own. He that is taught only by himself has a fool for a master.

- Johnson, Ben

The advice that is wanted is commonly not welcome and that which is not wanted, evidently an effrontery.

- Johnson, Samuel

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

- Jong, Erica

He who can take advice is sometimes superior to him who can give it.

- Knebel, Karl Von

Most people who ask for advice from others have already resolved to act as it pleases them.

- Knegge

We may give advice, but not the sense to use it.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Men give away nothing so liberally as their advice.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

The one thing people are the most liberal with, is their advice.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

We give advice, but we cannot give the wisdom to profit by it.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Number one: Don't frisk me. Don't hurt me physically. Don't get anywhere near my neck.

And don't call me Regis. [Advice to his guests]

- Letterman, David

Never give anyone the advice to buy or sell shares, because the most benevolent price of advice can turn out badly.

- Lope de Vega

It takes a great man to give sound advice tactfully, but a greater to accept it graciously.

- Macaulay, J. C.

Be yourself is about the worst advice you can give to some people.

- Masson, Thomas L.

Your friends praise your abilities to the skies, submit to you in argument, and seem to have the greatest deference for you; but, though they may ask it, you never find them following your advice upon their own affairs; nor allowing you to manage your own, without thinking that you should follow theirs. Thus, in fact, they all think themselves wiser

than you, whatever they may say.

- Melbourne, Lord

I sometimes give myself admirable advice, but I am incapable of taking it.

- Montagu, Lady Mary Wortley

It is only too easy to make suggestions and later try to escape the consequences of what we say.

- Nehru, Jawaharlal

Good advice is beyond all price.

- Proverb

Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present.

- Proverb

Never give advice in a crowd.

- Proverb, Arabian

If your strength is small, don't carry heavy burdens. If your words are worthless, don't give advice.

- Proverb, Chinese

To advise is not to compel.

- Proverb, German

To advise is easier than to help.

- Proverb, German

Never give advice unless asked.

- Proverb, German

Never advise anyone to go to war or to get married. Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present. He that has no children brings them up well.

- Proverb, Spanish

One can advise comfortably from a safe port.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

It is easy to give advice from a port of safety.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Don't follow any advice, no matter how good, until you feel as deeply in your spirit as you think in your mind that the counsel is wise.

- Seabury, David

Consult your friend on all things, especially on those which respect yourself. His counsel may then be useful where your own self-love might impair your judgment.

- Seneca

I shall the effect of this good lesson keep as watchman to my heart.

- Shakespeare, William

I'm not a teacher: only a fellow-traveler of whom you asked the way. I pointed ahead -- ahead of myself as well as you.

- Shaw, George Bernard

We hate those who will not take our advice, and despise them who do.

- Shaw, Henry Wheeler

The true secret of giving advice is, after you have honestly given it, to be perfectly indifferent whether it is taken or not, and never persist in trying to set people right.

- Smith, Hannah Whitall

No one wants advice, only corroboration.

- Steinbeck, John

These words dropped into my childish mind as if you should accidentally drop a ring into a deep well. I did not think of them much at the time, but there came a day in my life when

the ring was fished up out of the well, good as new.

- Stowe, Harriet Beecher

Many receive advice, only the wise profit from it.

- Syrus, Publilius

It is bad advice that cannot be changed.

- Syrus, Publilius

If one man says to thee, Thou art a donkey, pay no heed. If two speak thus, purchase a saddle.

- Talmud, The

I wouldn't recommend sex, drugs or insanity for everyone, but they've always worked for me.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

I have lived some thirty-odd years on this planet, and I have yet to hear the first syllable of valuable or even earnest advice from my seniors.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

- Unknown, Source

A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice

- Unknown, Source

A word to the wise is infuriating.

- Unknown, Source

Advice is the only commodity on the market where the supply always exceeds the demand.

- Unknown, Source

Never play leapfrog with a unicorn.

- Unknown, Source

Successful men follow the same advice they prescribe for others.

- Unknown, Source

Anybody who ask for advice nowadays just hasn't been listening.

- Unknown, Source

Give help rather than advice.

- Vauvenargues, Marquis De

The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.

- Wilde, Oscar

Some of these people need ten years of therapy --ten sentences of mine do not equal ten years of therapy.

- Zaslou, Jeff



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